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E.O. 12958: DECL: 12/13/2032 TAGS: KDRG PTER PREL PHUM LY SUBJECT: GOL FURTHER PROTESTS PLANNED TRANSFER OF LIBYAN DETAINEE AT GTMO TO U.K.

REF: A) STATE 165729, B) TRIPOLI 1034, C) TRIPOLI 765

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REASON: 1.4 (b), (c), (d)

(S/NF) In a follow-up meeting regarding ref A demarche, MFA Americas Desk Officer Ahmed Aoun registered the GOL's "strong protest" of the planned transfer to the U.K. of Libyan national Omar Deghayes. Stressing that the GOL had been a good partner in the war against terror and noting excellent cooperation in GRPO liaison channels, he said the GOL opposed "in principle and in practice" the transfer of any Libyan national to a third country. He noted that MFA Secretary for European Affairs Abdulati Obeidi had personally discussed the issue with NEA A/S David Welch, and that the GOL had formally requested that Deghayes be returned to Libya (ref C). DCM reiterated that the USG's ability to return Libyan detainees to Libya depended in part on the GOL's honoring of its agreement to facilitate timely access to detainees returned previously. Aoun took the point on board regarding requested meetings with returned detainees al-Rimi (ISN 194) and Hamouda (ISN 557), and agreed to follow up (further details septel).

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